GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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MENTAL HEALTH CARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the budget allocation during the last three years for Mental Health Care was less than one per cent of the total health budget;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to allocate more funds for mental health care in the current year 2005-06; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government in promoting mental health care. Out of a total otlay of Rs.9253 crores for Central Sector Health Programmes during the 10th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.139 crores has been allocated towards National Mental Health Programme, which is about 1.5% of the total allocation. Further, an amount of Rs.120 crores and Rs.50 crores have been earmarked for National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Bangalore and Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi, respectively, for the 10th Plan period towards mental health care. This amount is in addition to Non-Plan funds released to these institutions.

During the current year 2004-05, an amount of Rs.21 crores has been allocated for National Mental Health Programme at the Revised Estimate stage. An amount of Rs.40 crores has been earmarked for the purpose for the year 2005-06.